

We congratulate Major General Sayler on a distinguished and exemplary career serving our Nation and leading the Idaho National Guard. Idaho has benefited greatly from his steady, astute leadership. We wish him and his family the very best and thank him for his dedicated service to Idaho and our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO NORM STEADMAN

● Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, today I wish to honor Norm Steadman for his longtime, dedicated service as mayor of Weippe, ID.

Weippe was incorporated in 1964, but its roots go much further back. The Weippe Prairie is known to have been inhabited by the Nez Perce Indians. The city notes that it was not far from the present townsite in 1805 that Lewis and Clark had their first encounter with the Nez Perce Indians. This beautiful and strong community is nestled among many recreation opportunities, including historic trails, fishing, hunting, skiing, snowmobiling, and all-terrain vehicle resources.

Over the years, the community has seen its share of booms and busts. It has been touched by the fur trade, gold rush, the Homestead Act, and the logging industry. The town's current population of approximately 400 faces many of the challenges experienced by rural western towns with an enduring commitment to their community.

Serving as mayor for a remarkable nearly 50 years following his initial appointment to the position in 1968, Mayor Steadman has led through considerable growing pains with a steady hand and commitment to his community that befit his name. A deep desire to help others and a sense of responsibility to lead his community are clear characteristics of Mayor Steadman's. His decades of leadership and working to overcome challenges with limited resources are commendable. Thank you, Mayor Steadman, for your nearly 50 years of dedicated service. You are truly leading by example by continuously stepping up to assist.●

TRIBUTE TO STEVE FOURNIER

● Mr. DAINES. Madam President, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Steve Fournier of Butte, a tireless advocate for the most vulnerable Montanans. Steve is known by his peers for his dedication, compassion, and integrity working to help the homeless.

For nearly 16 years, Steve has helped Montanans find housing stability through his work as a case manager and service advocate for locally administered housing programs. When the rescue mission served as the emergency housing alternative for the Butte area after it closed earlier this year, Steve helped 22 households find a safe and warm place to stay. His efforts have helped many of his neighbors in southwest Montana overcome crisis situations and transition to a more hopeful path.

Steve's demonstrated commitment to assisting others is a genuine reflection of uncommon moral stamina. The Treasure State is humbled and blessed to have people like Mr. Fournier call Montana home. Thank you, Steve, for repeatedly finding a refuge in times of trouble.●

75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHWAN'S COMPANY STILWELL FOOD PRODUCTION FACILITY

● Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, I am pleased to recognize the Schwan's Company on the 75th anniversary of their Stilwell food production facility. This is a significant milestone for Schwan's and its employees, but also for Adair County and the entire State of Oklahoma. Throughout their 75 years, Schwan's has been a committed community partner, hiring over 300 residents and supporting hunger relief and youth activities.

The food production facility in Stilwell, originally called the Stilwell Canning Company, first opened in 1942 when World War II drove up the demand for canned items. The company has demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence, first expanding in 1999, when it became the largest frozen dessert production plant in the country. After being acquired by Schwan's Company in 2003, they have continued to invest in the plant and its employees, putting the facility on the leading edge of pie production in the country. Today the plant is a 610,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that employs about 300 people.

Congratulations on your 75th anniversary, and I look forward to seeing Schwan's continue to make a positive impact in Stilwell.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 469. An act to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3329. An act to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3342. An act to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields, and for other purposes.

At 1:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 469. An act to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3342. An act to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3329. An act to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 26, 2017, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 504. An act to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-3275. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" (RIN1210-AB83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-130. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas rescinding